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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Nobumasa HIRAI, et al.

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Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding rejection of September 27, 2002, once extended to January 27, 2003 by an appropriate one month for Extension of Time and fee submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION for the original specification filed May 30, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

- Re* D¹ 1. (Amended) A coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols and starch hydrolyzates, said